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PROCEEDINGS

THIRTY-NINTH DAY — MONDAY, MARCH 24, 1997

The house met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the speaker.

The roll of the house was called and a quorum was announced present (Record 62).

Present — Mr. Speaker; Alexander; Allen; Alvarado; Averitt; Bailey; Berlanga; Bonnen; Bosse; Brimer; Burnam; Carter; Chavez; Chisum; Christian; Clark; Coleman; Cook; Corte; Counts; Crabb; Craddick; Cuellar; Culberson; Danburg; Davila; Davis; Delisi; Denny; Driver; Dukes; Dunnam; Dutton; Edwards; Ehrhardt; Eiland; Elkins; Farrar; Finnell; Flores; Gallego; Galloway; Garcia; Giddings; Glaze; Goodman; Goolsby; Gray; Greenberg; Grusendorf; Gutierrez; Haggerty; Hamric; Hartnett; Hawley; Heflin; Hernandez; Hightower; Hilbert; Hilderbran; Hill; Hinojosa; Hirschi; Hochberg; Hodge; Holzheuser; Howard; Hunter; Hupp; Isett; Jackson; Janek; Jones, D.; Jones, J.; Junell; Keel; Keffe; King; Krusee; Kubiak; Kuempel; Lewis, G.; Lewis, R.; Longoria; Luna; Madden; Marchant; Maxey; McCall; McClendon; Merritt; Moffat; Moreno; Mowery; Naishtat; Nixon; Oakley; Oliveira; Olivo; Palmer; Patterson; Pickett; Pitts; Place; Price; Puente; Rabuck; Ramsay; Rangel; Raymond; Reyna, A.; Reyna, E.; Rhodes; Rodriguez; Roman; Sadler; Seaman; Shields; Siebert; Smith; Smithee; Solis; Solomons; Staples; Stiles; Swinford; Telford; Thompson; Tillery; Torres; Turner, B.; Turner, S.; Van de Putte; Walker; Williams; Williamson; Wilson; Wise; Wohlgemuth; Wolens; Woolley; Yarbrough; Zbraneck.

Absent, Excused — Horn; Talton.

Absent — Kamel; McReynolds; Serna; Uher; West.

The invocation was offered by Reverend Irby McKnight, Harvest Time Assembly of God, Sherman, as follows:

Our Heavenly Father, we come to you today with thanksgiving that you gave your only begotten son, Jesus, to die that we might be forgiven of our sins.

In this week of our Lord's Passion, we pray that your precious Holy Spirit will prompt each of us to consider the great work of sacrifice that your son, Jesus, made for each of us.

Father, we are thankful for this great nation we live in. We ask your blessings upon it and upon each level of leadership that serves this nation and state.

We ask your blessings upon our beautiful State of Texas. We pray that each of its representatives in this session will continually seek your wisdom. Jesus, you said if we lack wisdom we are to ask of you. So today, we pray: God, lead, direct, and speak to us so that the decisions made will be godly, just, and with compassion.

Bless those in leadership for their sacrificial service to the citizens of our state. Be with their families and friends. May all their relationships be blessed with your peace.

Keep all who serve today in your grace and lead us continually back to you.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED

The following member was granted leave of absence temporarily for today because of important business in the district:

Talton on motion of Shields.

The following member was granted leave of absence for today because of important business:

Horn on motion of E. Reyna.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER

Notice was given at this time that the speaker had signed bills and resolutions in the presence of the house (see the addendum to the daily journal, Signed by the Speaker, House List No. 23).

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the senate was received at this time (see the addendum to the daily journal, Messages from the Senate, Message No. 1).

HCR 167 - ADOPTED (by Kuempel)

Representative Kuempel moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HCR 167**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The speaker laid before the house the following resolution:

HCR 167, Honoring Devon Ann Welsch, the reigning 1997 Texas Junior Miss.

(Uher now present)

HCR 167 was read and was adopted without objection.

On motion of Representative Uher, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HCR 167** as signers thereof.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST

The speaker recognized Representative Kuempel, who introduced Devon Ann Welsch.

(West now present)

CAPITOL PHYSICIAN

The speaker recognized Representatives Marchant and Solomons who presented Dr. Nicolas Padron of Dallas as the "Doctor for the Day."

The house welcomed Dr. Padron and thanked him for his participation in the Physician of the Day Program sponsored by the Texas Academy of Family Physicians.

HCR 129 - ADOPTED
(by Tillery)

Representative Tillery moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HCR 129**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The speaker laid before the house the following resolution:

HCR 129, Designating March 24, 1997, as Balch Springs Day at the State Capitol.

HCR 129 was read and was adopted without objection.

HR 462 - ADOPTED
(by Hill)

Representative Hill moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 462**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The speaker laid before the house the following resolution:

HR 462, Designating March 15, 1997, Richardson Telecom Corridor Legislative Day.

HR 462 was adopted without objection.

On motion of Representative Goolsby, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 462** as signers thereof.

HR 461 - ADOPTED
(by Wohlgemuth)

Representative Wohlgemuth moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 461**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The speaker laid before the house the following resolution:

HR 461, Honoring Raymond Homer Whitney.

HR 461 was read and was adopted without objection.

HR 406 - ADOPTED
(by Dunnam)

Representative Dunnam moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 406**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The speaker laid before the house the following resolution:

HR 406, Honoring the Robinson High School Band on its selection as 1996 Class 3A State Marching Band Champion by the University Interscholastic League.

HR 406 was read and was adopted without objection.

(Serna now present)

HR 442 - ADOPTED
(by Merritt)

Representative Merritt moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 442**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The speaker laid before the house the following resolution:

HR 442, Congratulating John and Georgia Hasler on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

HR 442 was adopted without objection.

HR 443 - ADOPTED
(by Merritt)

Representative Merritt moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 443**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The speaker laid before the house the following resolution:

HR 443, Congratulating Shelby and Mary Pitts on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

HR 443 was adopted without objection.

BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING
AND REFERRAL TO COMMITTEES
RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES

Bills and joint resolutions were at this time laid before the house, read first time, and referred to committees. Resolutions were at this time laid before the house and referred to committees. (See the addendum to the daily journal, Referred to Committees, List No. 1.)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

The following member was granted leave of absence for the remainder of today because of important business:

Hinojosa on motion of Hawley.

HB 3543 - PERMISSION TO INTRODUCE

Representative Bosse requested permission to introduce and have placed on first reading **HB 3543**.

A record vote was requested.

Permission to introduce was granted by (Record 63): 137 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Alexander; Allen; Alvarado; Averitt; Bailey; Bonnen; Bosse; Brimer; Burnam; Carter; Chavez; Chisum; Christian; Clark; Coleman; Cook; Corte; Crabb; Craddick; Cuellar; Culberson; Danburg; Davila; Davis; Delisi; Denny; Driver; Dukes; Dunnam; Dutton; Edwards; Ehrhardt; Eiland; Elkins;

Farrar; Finnell; Flores; Gallego; Galloway; Garcia; Giddings; Goodman; Goolsby; Gray; Greenberg; Grusendorf; Gutierrez; Haggerty; Hamric; Hartnett; Hawley; Heflin; Hernandez; Hightower; Hilbert; Hilderbran; Hill; Hirschi; Hochberg; Hodge; Holzheuser; Howard; Hunter; Hupp; Isett; Jackson; Janek; Jones, D.; Jones, J.; Junell; Keel; Keffer; King; Krusee; Kubiak; Kuempel; Lewis, G.; Lewis, R.; Longoria; Luna; Madden; Marchant; Maxey; McCall; McClendon; Merritt; Moffat; Mowery; Naishtat; Nixon; Oakley; Oliveira; Olivo; Palmer; Patterson; Pickett; Pitts; Place; Price; Puente; Rabuck; Ramsay; Raymond; Reyna, A.; Reyna, E.; Rhodes; Rodriguez; Roman; Sadler; Seaman; Serna; Shields; Siebert; Smith; Smithee; Solis; Solomons; Staples; Stiles; Swinford; Telford; Thompson; Tillery; Turner, B.; Turner, S.; Uher; Van de Putte; Walker; West; Williamson; Wilson; Wise; Wohlgemuth; Wolens; Woolley; Yarbrough; Zbranek.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker(C).

Absent, Excused — Hinojosa; Horn; Talton.

Absent — Berlanga; Counts; Glaze; Kamel; McReynolds; Moreno; Rangel; Torres; Williams.

STATEMENT OF VOTE

When Record No. 63 was taken, I was temporarily out of the house chamber. I would have voted yes.

Glaze

GENERAL STATE CALENDAR HOUSE BILLS SECOND READING

The following bills were laid before the house and read second time:

CSHB 1429 ON SECOND READING (by Stiles)

CSHB 1429, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the standards of conduct for former directors, officers, and employees of a nonprofit corporation under contract to invest the permanent university fund or certain other university funds and to the corporation's dealings with a former director, officer, or employee; providing a penalty.

Representative Stiles moved to postpone consideration of **CSHB 1429** until 10 a.m., Tuesday, April 1.

The motion prevailed without objection.

CSHB 1235 ON SECOND READING (by Junell, Rodriguez, Kamel, Price, Cuellar, et al.)

CSHB 1235, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for certain public institutions of higher education.

Amendment No. 1

Representative Junell offered the following amendment to **CSHB 1235**:

Amend **CSHB 1235** by adding a new section appropriately numbered to read as follows and renumbering subsequent sections appropriately:

SECTION _____. Subchapter B, Chapter 55, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 55.174 to read as follows:

Sec. 55.174. TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY. (a) In addition to other authority granted by this subchapter, the board of regents of Texas Southern University may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip property, buildings, structures, facilities, roads, or related infrastructure for Texas Southern University to be financed by the issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter and in accordance with a revenue financing program adopted by the board in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$20 million.

(b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of those bonds all or any part of the revenue funds of Texas Southern University, including student tuition charges required or authorized by law to be imposed on students enrolled at the university. The amount of a pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.

Amendment No. 1 was adopted without objection.

CSHB 1235, as amended, was passed to engrossment. (Counts recorded voting yes)

HB 803 ON SECOND READING (by Kuempel)

HB 803, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to investment of the volunteer firefighters' relief and retirement fund.

HB 803 was passed to engrossment.

HB 411 ON SECOND READING (by Thompson)

HB 411, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the adoption of the Uniform Transfer On Death Security Registration Act.

Representative Thompson moved to postpone consideration of **HB 411** until 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 2.

The motion prevailed without objection.

(McReynolds now present)

CSHB 337 ON SECOND READING (by Telford, et al.)

CSHB 337, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to participation in and benefits from a statewide retirement system for volunteer firefighters and other emergency services personnel.

CSHB 337 was passed to engrossment.

HB 101 ON SECOND READING
(by Gray and G. Lewis)

HB 101, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the adoption of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact.

HB 101 was passed to engrossment.

CSHB 920 ON SECOND READING
(by D. Jones)

CSHB 920, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the width of certain vehicles transporting seed cotton modules.

CSHB 920 was passed to engrossment.

HB 906 ON SECOND READING
(by McCall, et al.)

HB 906, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to approval by a lienholder required for payment of an insurance claim; providing a civil penalty.

Amendment No. 1

Representative McCall offered the following amendment to **HB 906**:

Amend **HB 906** as follows:

On page 1, line 8, strike "certain" and replace it with "personal".

Amendment No. 1 was adopted without objection.

Amendment No. 2 (Committee Amendment No. 1)

On behalf of Representative Smith, Representative McCall offered the following committee amendment to **HB 906**:

Amend **HB 906** on page 1, line 9, by inserting "or draft" between the words "check" and "by".

Amendment No. 2 was adopted without objection.

HB 906, as amended, was passed to engrossment.

CSHB 507 ON SECOND READING
(by Dutton)

CSHB 507, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to educational and employment experience requirements for certain individuals hired as guards in facilities that house inmates; providing a penalty.

(D. Jones in the chair)

CSHB 507 was passed to engrossment. (Moffat recorded voting no)

CSHB 717 ON SECOND READING
(by Bosse and Krusee)

CSHB 717, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the disposal or temporary storage of litter or solid waste.

(Speaker pro tempore in the chair)

CSHB 717 was passed to engrossment. (Patterson recorded voting no)

HB 1492 ON SECOND READING
(by Hochberg, Crabb, et al.)

HB 1492, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the powers of a judge.

Amendment No. 1

Representative Wohlgemuth offered the following amendment to **HB 1492**:

Amend **HB 1492** on page 1, line 9, after the semi-colon, by inserting "and".

Amendment No. 1 was adopted without objection.

HB 1492, as amended, was passed to engrossment. (Corte, Heflin, Kubiak, and Moffat recorded voting no)

GENERAL STATE CALENDAR
SENATE BILLS
SECOND READING

The following bills were laid before the house and read second time:

CSSB 249 ON SECOND READING
(S. Turner - House Sponsor)

CSSB 249, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the telecommunications infrastructure fund.

(Speaker in the chair)

(Kamel now present)

Amendment No. 1

Representative Smithee offered the following amendment to **CSSB 249**:

Amend **CSSB 249** in SECTION 1 of the bill, in amended Section 3.606(j), Public Utility Regulatory Act of 1995 (Article 1446c-0, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), on page 2, at the end of line 5, by inserting the following:

"The obligation to pay the assessment imposed by this subsection is the obligation of the telecommunications utility or commercial mobile service provider and may not be billed directly to the consumer."

Amendment No. 1 was adopted without objection.

Amendment No. 2

Representative D. Jones offered the following amendment to **CSSB 249**:

Amend **CSSB 249** as follows:

On pages 1 and 2 delete section (j) and replace as follows:

On page 1 delete lines 23-24, and on page two delete lines 1-5. Please replace section (j) with the following:

(j) The annual assessment is imposed at the rate of 1.25 percent of the taxable telecommunications receipts in excess of \$100,000.00 per year of each telecommunications utility and commercial mobile service provider subject to the assessment, subject to Subsection (k) of this section. The \$100,000.00 exclusion authorized by this section shall be proportionately allocated to each report filed during the year according to rules adopted by the comptroller.

Representative Wolens moved to table Amendment No. 2.

The motion to table prevailed.

(Talton now present)

CSSB 249, as amended, was passed to third reading.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the senate was received at this time (see the addendum to the daily journal, Messages from the Senate, Message No. 2).

RULES SUSPENDED

Representative Wilson moved to suspend the 5-day posting rule to allow the Committee on Licensing and Administrative Procedures to consider **HB 2135**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

Representative Oakley moved to suspend the 5-day posting rule to allow the Committee on Public Safety to consider **HB 1049**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

Representative Holzheuser moved to suspend the 48-hour subcommittee report rule to allow the Committee on Energy Resources to consider **HB 1611**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following committee meetings were announced:

Insurance, 1:15 p.m. today, E1.010, Capitol Extension.

State Recreational Resources, on adjournment today, E2.020, Capitol Extension.

Licensing and Administrative Procedures, 1:15 p.m., rescheduled from adjournment today.

Judicial Affairs, Subcommittee on Juries, on adjournment today, E1.014, Capitol Extension.

STATEMENTS OF VOTE

When Record No. 63 was taken, I was present after roll call, meeting with constituents. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

Kamel

When Record No. 63 was taken, I was temporarily out of the house chamber. I would have voted yes.

McReynolds

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Wilson moved that the house adjourn until 10 a.m. tomorrow in memory of Bishop John Henry Sorrells, Sr., and Representatives Chisum and Uher moved that the house adjourn in memory of G. B. Pearson, former member of the house.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The house accordingly, at 12:14 p.m., adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

ADDENDUM

REFERRED TO COMMITTEES

The following bills and joint resolutions were today laid before the house, read first time, and referred to committees, and the following resolutions were today laid before the house and referred to committees. If indicated, the chair today corrected the referral of the following measures:

List No. 1

HB 3539 (by Alexander), Relating to the residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation.

To Ways & Means.

HB 3540 (by Price), Relating to the election of commissioners of the Port of Beaumont Navigation District of Jefferson County.

To Natural Resources.

HB 3541 (by Gray), Relating to the statutory probate court of Galveston County.

To Judicial Affairs.

HCR 165 (by Counts), In memory of Dr. Marion Rice Zetzman.

To Rules & Resolutions.

HCR 168 (by Delisi), Urging Congress to oversee the audit of teaching hospitals.

To Public Health.

HCR 169 (by Price), Honoring Dorothy Ingram for her community service.

To Rules & Resolutions.

HCR 170 (by West), In memory of J. W. "Jim" Spencer, Jr.

To Rules & Resolutions.

HCR 171 (by Smith), Recognizing April 18-20, 1997, as "Arbor Daze" in Eules.

To Rules & Resolutions.

HR 412 (by McClendon), In memory of Tommye Lynn Perkins.

To Rules & Resolutions.

HR 413 (by McClendon), Honoring Dr. James A. Northcutt for his many years of community service.

To Rules & Resolutions.

HR 414 (by McClendon), In memory of Kevin Lewis.

To Rules & Resolutions.

HR 415 (by McClendon), Honoring Dr. Robert Hilliard for his service to the community.

To Rules & Resolutions.

HR 416 (by McClendon), Commending Dr. Charles C. Andrews, Sr., on his community service.

To Rules & Resolutions.

HR 417 (by McClendon), Honoring Dr. William H. Hadnott for his community service.

To Rules & Resolutions.

HR 420 (by D. Jones), Honoring Charles Moore.

To Rules & Resolutions.

HR 421 (by Holzheuser), Honoring the Decora Study Club.

To Rules & Resolutions.

HR 422 (by Holzheuser), Honoring the Mount Salem American Baptist Church on the occasion of its 125th anniversary.

To Rules & Resolutions.

HR 423 (by Counts), Commending Frankie Grimmatt for his contributions to the community.

To Rules & Resolutions.

HR 424 (by Counts), In memory of Dr. Bennie LeBleu.

To Rules & Resolutions.

HR 425 (by Counts), In memory of Otto A. Lawson.

To Rules & Resolutions.

HR 426 (by Counts), Congratulating Elizabeth Jenkins on her retirement.

To Rules & Resolutions.

HR 427 (by Gallego), Honoring Dr. Ramon A. Garcia of Del Rio for his participation in the Physician of the Day Program.

To Rules & Resolutions.

HR 428 (by Gallego), Commending East Side Elementary School in Del Rio.

To Rules & Resolutions.

HR 429 (by Gallego), Commending North Heights Elementary School in Del Rio.

To Rules & Resolutions.

HR 430 (by Gallego), Commending Buena Vista Elementary School in Del Rio.

To Rules & Resolutions.

HR 431 (by Gallego), Commending Fermin Calderon Elementary School in Del Rio.

To Rules & Resolutions.

HR 432 (by Gallego), In memory of Dan Hubert Ritter.

To Rules & Resolutions.

HR 439 (by Grusendorf), Amending the House Rules to require the placement of a bill or resolution on a calendar, to define seniority for committee assignments, and to allow return members to retain committee assignments.

To Rules & Resolutions.

HR 441 (by Pitts), Congratulating the Italy High School boys' basketball team on winning the 1997 Class 2-A state championship.

To Rules & Resolutions.

HR 444 (by Keel), Congratulating the Westlake High School Chaparrals football team on winning the 1996 UIL Class 5-A, Division II state championship.

To Rules & Resolutions.

HR 445 (by Keel), Honoring John E. Matysek, principal of Westlake High School in Austin.

To Rules & Resolutions.

HR 446 (by Clark), Honoring Albert W. Brown on being named an honorary member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

To Rules & Resolutions.

HR 447 (by Clark), Congratulating Vaughn and Kathryn Williams on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

To Rules & Resolutions.

HR 448 (by Clark), Honoring Bob King for his contributions to the community of Whitesboro.

To Rules & Resolutions.

HR 449 (by Clark), Commemorating the 135th anniversary of Antioch Baptist Church.

To Rules & Resolutions.

HR 450 (by Clark), Congratulating Calvin and Rachel Hurlock on their 50th wedding anniversary.

To Rules & Resolutions.

HR 451 (by Clark), Honoring the Reverend W. E. McGruder and Doris McGruder for 55 years of service to the members of Progressive Baptist Church.

To Rules & Resolutions.

HR 452 (by Clark), Honoring the Reverend Dr. Lowell C. Howard for his 40 years in the Christia ministry.

To Rules & Resolutions.

HR 453 (by Clark), Congratulating William and Betty Thompson on their 50th wedding anniversary.

To Rules & Resolutions.

HR 454 (by Delisi), Congratulating the recipients of the 1997 Barbara Jordan Award.

To Rules & Resolutions.

HR 455 (by Zbranek), Honoring Chambers County poet Bob Kahla.

To Rules & Resolutions.

HR 456 (by Zbranek), Congratulating Harry G. Daves, Jr., on being awarded the Purple Heart.

To Rules & Resolutions.

HR 457 (by Hunter, et al.), In memory of Cecil Henry Middleton.
To Rules & Resolutions.

HR 458 (by Wilson), Congratulating Kirk and Keli Swann on the birth of their son, George Allen Swann.

To Rules & Resolutions.

SB 51 to Corrections.

SB 69 to Land & Resource Management.

SB 82 to Elections.

SB 213 to Economic Development.

SB 308 to State Affairs.

SB 394 to Financial Institutions.

SB 446 to Transportation.

SB 465 to Public Education.

SB 553 to Transportation.

SB 616 to Pensions & Investments.

SB 626 to State Affairs.

SB 632 to Energy Resources.

SB 639 to Energy Resources.

SB 655 to County Affairs.

SB 673 to Corrections.

SB 694 to State Affairs.

SB 756 to Judicial Affairs.

SCR 24 to Transportation.

SCR 25 to Transportation.

SCR 28 to Public Health.

SCR 29 to Civil Practices.

SCR 40 to Rules & Resolutions.

SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER

The following bills and resolutions were today signed in the presence of the house by the speaker:

House List No. 23

HCR 157

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

The following messages from the senate were today received by the house:

Message No. 1**MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE
SENATE CHAMBER**

Austin, Texas

Monday, March 24, 1997

The Honorable Speaker of the House
House Chamber
Austin, Texas

Mr. Speaker:

I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has taken the following action:

THE SENATE HAS PASSED THE FOLLOWING MEASURES:

HCR 75 Telford **SPONSOR:** Ratliff
Commending the senior class of Redwater High School on their participation in the Dads Against Drugs in Schools program.

HCR 166 Craddick **SPONSOR:** Shapiro
Commending the members of the Texas Federation of Republican Women.

SB 64 Moncrief
Relating to minimum standards for smoking in certain public places or at certain public meetings; creating an offense and providing penalties.

SB 86 Shapiro
Relating to parental notification before an abortion may be performed on certain minors; providing a criminal penalty.

SB 121 Bivins
Relating to the use of closed circuit video teleconferencing to enter a plea or waive a right in a criminal case.

SB 513 Madla
Relating to the use of a computer modem to transmit certain precinct election results.

SB 601 Lindsay
Relating to withdrawal of a unit from a rapid transit authority.

SB 617 Moncrief
Relating to the licensure and regulation of nurses, including the development of certain pilot programs by the Board of Nurse Examiners.

SCR 14 Moncrief
Directing the Texas Health and Human Services Commission to develop a plan to coordinate long-term care service delivery and administration.

SCR 40 Shapiro
Commending the members of the Texas Federation of Republican Women.

SCR 57 Moncrief

Naming the Brachiosaur Sauropod, Pleurocoelus, the official Lone Star State Dinosaur.

Respectfully,

Betty King
Secretary of the Senate

Message No. 2

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE
SENATE CHAMBER
Austin, Texas
Monday, March 24, 1997 - 2

The Honorable Speaker of the House
House Chamber
Austin, Texas

Mr. Speaker:

I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has taken the following action:

THE SENATE HAS PASSED THE FOLLOWING MEASURES:

HCR 27 Eiland SPONSOR: Patterson
Congratulating the La Marque Cougars.

HCR 129 Tillery SPONSOR: Cain
Designating March 24, 1997, as Balch Springs Day at the State Capitol.

HCR 163 Goolsby SPONSOR: Truan
Granting the house and senate permission to adjourn for more than three days during the period beginning on March 26, 1997 and ending on April 1, 1997.

HCR 167 Kuempel SPONSOR: Wentworth
Honoring Devon Ann Welsch, the reigning 1997 Texas Junior Miss.

Respectfully,

Betty King
Secretary of the Senate

APPENDIX

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Favorable reports have been filed by committees as follows:

March 20

Criminal Jurisprudence - **HB 870**

Environmental Regulation - **HB 473**

Financial Institutions - **HB 2105, HB 2274**

Higher Education - **HB 2146, SB 150**

Insurance - **HCR 109**

Juvenile Justice & Family Issues - **HB 677, HB 1055**

Natural Resources - **SB 92**

March 21

Corrections - **HB 1386, HB 2074, HB 2075**

County Affairs - **HB 1474, HB 1475, HB 1741, HB 1860, HB 2066**

Criminal Jurisprudence - **HB 749**

Insurance - **HB 1975, HB 1976, HB 1977**

Natural Resources - **HB 320, HB 1217, HB 1254**

Public Health - **HB 164, SB 422**

ENGROSSED

March 20 - **HB 1, HB 1190**

ENROLLED

March 20 - **HCR 158**

March 21 - **HCR 157**

SENT TO THE GOVERNOR

March 20 - **HCR 158**

SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR

March 21 - **HCR 103, HCR 128, HCR 131, HCR 135**